THE MANNER OF THE CRVELL OVT. RAGIOVS MVRTHER OF

WILLIAM STORRE *Maſt. of Art, Miniſter, and Preacher at Market Raiſin in the County of Lincolne:*

COMMITTED

By Francis Cartwright one of his pariſhioners, the 30. day of Auguſt Anno. 1602.

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ABout Lammas laſt *viz. Anno* 1602 there happened ſome controverſie betweene the Lords and the reſt of the Inhabitãts of *Market Raſin* in the county of *Lincolne*, concerning their cõmons & liberty in the Towne-Fields, and the matter beeing moved by one of them in the Church immediatly after evening praier, on a Sabboth day, divers hot intemperate ſpeaches paſſed among them. Whereupon their Miniſter, whoſe name was *M. Storre*, much diſliking ſo indiſcreete a courſe, willed them to haue reſpect both to the time, and place where they were. And further adviſed; ſeeing the cauſe in hand concerned a multitude, amongſt whom ſome of the leaſt government, would alwaies bee the readieſt to ſpeake; that they would therefore make choice of two or three of the fitteſt, and moſt ſubſtantiall men to anſwere, and vndertake for all the reſt. This motion ſeemed to pleaſe them well, and thereupon they intreated him, that he would, as a man indifferent, ſpeake firſt what he thought concerning the cauſe. But he not willing to intermeddle in that matter, twiſe, or thriſe denied their requeſt. And the rather for that there was preſent one *Frãcis Cartwright*, a young man of an vnbridled humor: the only ſonne, & heire to one of the ſame Lords of the Towne, betwixt whom, & himſelfe there was growne no ſmall vnkindneſſe. Yet in the ende being preſſed thervnto by their importunity, with the conſent of both the parties, he delivered his opinion, vſing therein ſuch diſcretion, and reaſons to confirme the ſame, that they coulde not directly except againſt him. Notwithſtanding ſeeing him incline more to the right of the free-holders, and the reſt of the commons, than to favour their intended purpoſe, they ſeemed to diſlike his ſpeeches and to cavill at the ſame.

Young *Cartwright* ſtanding by, not able any longer to containe himſelfe, tooke occaſiõ hereupon to breake forth abruptly into theſe words. *The Prieſt deſerveth a good fee, he ſpeaketh ſo like a Lawyer. M. Storre* having often aforetime had experience of his hot ſtomacke, & haſtineſſe aſwell towards others as himſelfe, thought it beſt to reply little againſt him for that preſent. But the other reſpecting neither the time, nor place, nor yet the

dutifull regard he ſhould haue had to his fathers preſence, vttered manie moe ſuch baſe & odious tearmes, that for modeſtie ſake, I forbeare to reheaſe thē. The next morning as Mr Storre, & ſome others of his neighbours were talking with the elder Cartwright about theſe his ſonnes abuſes, hee came vnto them, where they were, interrupting their conference, & fell into the like outragious railing as he vſed the night afore. The Miniſter ſeeing this ſecond incurſion more violent then the former, replied to ſome of his words, retorting the backe againe, as more properly to be applied to himſelfe.

This reply he tooke in ſuch high diſgrace, that had not his father hindred it, he had there preſently with his dagger effected ſome part of that miſchiefe, which afterward he putt in practiſe. But being not ſuffered to do what he would, he departed from thē into the opē market place, & there proclaimed, *That Storre was a ſcurvy, lowſie, paltrie prieſt: that whoſoever ſaid he was his friend, or ſpake in his cauſe, was a rogue, & a raſcall: that he would (but for the law) cut his throat, teare out his hart, & hāg his quarters on the maypole.*

Theſe ſpeeches, & many moe of the ſame quality being dayly giuen out, occaſioned Mr Storre to thinke it now high time to prouide for his owne ſafetie, & therfore he went to ſome Iuſtices neere adioyning: acquainted thē with theſe proceedings, & deſired the good behaviour againſt the ſaid Cartwright. But they doubting whether they might grāt the ſame in this caſe, or not, offered him for his preſent ſafegard the peace, and the other at the next quarter ſeſſions, if occaſion ſo required.

He not reſolved what were beſt to bee done, whether to except of this offer, or to complaine himſelfe before the high commiſſioners, came home, & the next Sabaoth tooke his text out of *Iſaah Chap. 1. verſ. 9.* in theſe words, *Except the Lord of Hoſts had reſerved vnto vs, even a ſmall remnant, we had bin as Sodom, and like vnto Gomorah.* The which words by the generall report, even of his enemies that hard him, he handled verie learnedly, and delivered out of the ſame many points of neceſſary doctrine. yong *Cartwright* ſeemed to note it diligently with his pen, but as the ſtomake filled with rawe humors corrupteth all good nouriſhmēt that cōmeth therin, ſo this mans mind fraught with rancour, & malice, wreſted al things he heard into the worſe ſenſe, as purpoſely ſpoken againſt him, and after that, more, and more

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thirſted for reuenge.

About a weeke after, hee eſpied Mr. Storre walking about eight of the clock in the morning alone by the ſouth ſide of the towne in his cloake, went to a cutlers ſhoppe, tooke out of the ſame a ſhort ſword, which he had formerly prouided, and made very ſharp, & preſently ouertooke him. The other hearing one at his heeles looked backe, & ſawe him drawing his ſword as he came: noting alſo by the paleneſs of his viſage, how mightely he was incenſed to miſchiefe, & ſeeing no means either to eſcape, or to defend himſelfe, was greatly agaſt, & purpoſed to vſe ſome ſpeeches (if it were poſſible) ſomewhat to aſſwage his paſſions.

But he being double armed both with force, & fury, would abide no parly, but preſently at the firſt blow cutt his lefte legge almoſt of, & then making at his head, the other caſting vp his armes to defend it (for other weapon had he none) he gaue him two mortal woũds on the forepart therof thorow the brain-pan: cut of three of his fingers: & gaue him other two grieuous woũds on the outſide of either arme, betweene the elbow, & the hand, the one to the middeſt of the arme, & the other more thẽ halfe in ſunder, deuiding the maine bone aboue two ynches one part frõ another. Thus maſſacred he fell backward into a puddle of water, and ſtriving to recouer himſelfe, the ſplinter bone of his legge halfe cut thorow afore, knapt in two, & his heele doubled back to the calfe of his legge. *Cartright* not yet ſatisfied with the bloud, which he had already gotten, continued his rage, ſtill more feircely vpõ him, & gaue him another gaſh on the outſide of the right thigh to the very bone. And again on the left knee, his legge being bended, as he lay, he cut him the faſhion, & cõpaſſe of an horſe ſhoe battring in pieces the whirlbone, & the nether part of the thighe bone, that it was moſt grieuous vẽto behold. Some ſmaler woũds he had, & ſundry other blowes which came not to his skin, as appeared by the mãgling of his apparel.

A maide cõming that way by occaſion of buſines cried out, whervpõ he fled, and many of the neighbors came preſently to the place, and behoulding this vvoefull ſpectacle, their Miniſter thus wallowed in the mire, and his bloude ſo extreamely, guſhing out, ranne ſome of them into the tovvne vvith ſuch a confuſed noyſe, and outcrie of murther, that others hearing it, ſuppoſed on the ſudden there had beene

fire, and went with all ſpeede to towle the bells. Thus was all ſuddenly in an vproare, yet fewe, or none could tell what the matter was. The reſt of more diſcretion tooke vp the wounded man, carried him to the next houſe, where one of the conſtables dwelt, and made very good, and ſpeedy meanes to bind vp his wounds, and to ſtanch his bloud.

Againſt the next day was provided a bone-ſetter, and three or foure of the beſt ſurgeons thereabout, who when they came to dreſſe him, were of opinion, that, if hee died not at the opening of his wounds, and forcing togither of his bones, he would at the leaſt be verie ſubiect to often ſounding. Yet hee beyond all their expectation indured all extremities, which neceſſitie in that caſe impoſed on him to abide, for three houres ſpace at the leaſt, and never fainted, or changed colour. The which thinge induced them to alter their minde, and to hope (as it were) paſt all hope, that he would eſcape it. But the deadly blowes had ſo periſhed his braines, and let out ſo great a quantitie of his bloud in other partes of his body, that it was not poſſible he ſhould recover. So that after he had languiſhed in verie great paine from monday morning till the nexte Sunday after midnight, which was at the change of the moone, he ended his life.

The time that he thus continued, he ſpent much to the profitte of himſelfe, and to no leſſe comfort of thoſe that came to viſite him. For beſides many divine meditations he daily vttered, & thanks to God for his ſo merciſull a viſitation, in giving him both ſuch time, and memory to prepare himſelfe, hee alſo hartely forgaue, & continuallie praied for his greateſt, & deadly enemy, whom he eſteemed now in worſe ſtate, and more miſerable then himſelfe.

Now to leave the dead man (as no doubt hee is) with the Lord: it is not amiſſe breifely to declare by what meanes the offender eſcaped.

Preſently after hee had committed this cruelty, hee poſted home to his fathers houſe, on the backſide, and the truth of his fact being now knowne, many that were already aſſembled, & knewe not at the firſt about what matter; came to apprehend the fellon. But his father fearing leaſt in that deſperate heate he ſhould doe ſome more miſchiefe, did what hee could to pacifie the tumult vntill the conſtables came, and then delivered him.

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They ſending for three or foure of ſuch as they thought beſt, which had ſome of them ſeene the wounds, alwell as one of the conſtables himſelfe had done, carried him to a Iuſtice. Where either for lacke of their due information of the truth, or by the corrupt, and ſauourable affection of the magiſtrate, or both, there was a very ſlender baile taken, and the malefactor by this ſleight ſent away.

To the Reader.

FOr that ſome of *Cartwrights* fauourites wanting colour to excuſe altogither the fowleneſſe of his fact, doe yet indeuour to qualifie the ſame in what meaſure they can, affirming that he being a young man, was prouoked, and ſtirred vp by euill words to commit that in the heat of his bloud which otherwaies he would neuer haue committed: And ſome others beeing themſelues either of a looſe converſation, or at the leaſt enemies to the Miniſterie of the Goſpel, would ſeeme to extenuate the crime, by imputing it, as a iuſt reward due, not only to the party murthered, but alſo to the moſt of his calling for their over-bold checking, and (as they tearme it) domineering over their betters, becauſe indeede, they reproue the generall corruptions that ſo abound in every corner: And leaſt alſo it might happily be ſurmiſed by ſome indifferently affected, that many things in this relation might partially proceede in fauour of the dead man from ſome of his friendes, it is therefore thought fit for the better ſatiſfying of the later ſorte, to aſſure them that there is nothing ſet downe, but that which is to bee iuſtified by very ſufficient proofe: and for the better anſwering of the former ſcandalls, and ſuch like, here be annexed the teſtimony (as it were) of fowre ſubſtantiall Iuries, which ſpeake of their credit what they knew concerning the man. The firſt doth conſiſt of the better ſort of his pariſhioners where hee remained: the ſecond of the chiefe of ſuch Miniſters among whom he converſed: the thirde of the worſhipfull in the countrey to whom hee was beſt knowne: and the fourth, of the learned in the Vniuerſitie where he was brought vp.

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FOrasmuch as some vncharitable people not satisfied with the guiltlesse bloud of *M. Storre* our late Minister, giue out slanderous speeches against him now dead, as proceeding from vs his parishioners: we therefore willing to cleare our selues from such vntruthes doe giue to vnderstand to whō these presents shall come, that as (no doubt) the fact was haynous before God, so is it a thing most grievous vnto vs, aswell in regard of his wife, and fiue small children, whose staffe of bread (as himselfe said) by this meanes is broken, as also chiefly that such a man shoulde thus perish among vs, whose learning diligence, and dexteritie in teaching the word of God was equall (as we are perswaded) to the better sort of his fellow Ministers: his conversation so answerable to his doctrine, and his carriage such in all his affaires, that (in our iudgement) it might haue bin a president to direct a civill, and christian life. Thus having witnessed the truth in the premisses, we cease. From Market Raisin this 17. of April. 1603.

Edmund Wright.	*Mich. Iessope.*	*Thom. Harwicke.*
Hum. Chapman.	*Rich. Wright.*	*William Dannette.*
Iohn Dannette.	*Chri. Gyfford.*	*Iohn Cater.*
Iohn Rutter.	*Will. Wright.*	*William Hawsley.*
Rich. Pockley.	*Christ. Wright.*	*Leonard Hill.*
Alexan. Lāming.	*Mich. Hanson.*	*Iohn Tayler.*
Robert Lillie.	*Hen. Parker.*	*Iames Robinson.*
Tho. Brakes.	*Pet. Parker.*	*Edw. Fawsitte.*

The teſtimony of Preachers, halfe of them Doctors, & Batchelars of Diuinitie, and the reſt Maſters of Art.

WHereas vpon the late murther of *William Storre* Mr. of Arts and preacher of market Raſin in the countie of Lincolne, there haue bin ſette abroach certaine reports tending to his diſgrace in fauour (as it is thought) of the offender, vvee therefore the Miniſters to whom he was beſt knowne either by nearneſſe of dwelling, or by converſing with him, doe ſignifie to all thoſe to whom this our teſtimony ſhall come, that we alwaies held, and reputed the ſaide *VVilliam Storre*, not onely for his learning & ſufficiency in his calling, a man farre paſſing many others: but alſo of ſuch honeſt and commendable bearing of himſelfe in his life, and converſation, that his greateſt aduerſaries could never while he lived (as we are verily perſwaded) iuſtly take exception againſt him. In witneſſe whereof we haue ſubſcribed our names this preſent Aprill 1603.

Law. Stanton.	*Roger Parker.*	*Mich. Reniger.*
Greg. Garth.	*Rich. Turſwell*	*George Eland.*
Alex. Southwicke.	*Theo. Tawzey.*	*Hen. Nelſon.*
Iohn Chadwicke.	*Tho. Burton.*	*William Maſon.*

Iohn Downes.	*David Hatcliffe.*	*Samuell. Allen,*
Amos Bedford.	*Will. Symonds.*	*Paul Balgaie.*
Cuth. Dale.	*William Lownd.*	*Richard Bateman.*
Iohn White.	*Hugh Browne.*	*Nic. Clarke.*

BEing requeſted for ſome ſpeciall cauſes to deliver vnder our hands what we knew concerning Mr. Storre late Vicar of market Raiſin, we whoſe names ar ſubſcribed, neighbors ſomewhat neare adioyning, thought it our Chriſtian duetie to yeeld teſtimony therein accordingly. And therefore doe ſignify that aswe accompt the manner of his death a part of moſt barbarouſe crueltie, ſo we much lament that it happened to a man ſo well approved generally for a good ſcholler, a painfull preacher, and for many other commendable partes, which (if by vntimely death he had not bin cutte of) might otherwaies haue bin greatly beneficiall both to the church, and common wealth. Given at Lincolne the 29. of Aprill 1603.

George Sſpoll.	*Phillip Tyrwhitt.*
Edward Ayſcoghe.	*Thomas Grantham.*
Edward Tyrwhitt.	*Thomas Dalſon.*
Char. Metham.	*Vincent Fulnetby*
Ric. Roſſetter.	*Richard Gedney.*
Fran. Bullingham	*Edward Saltmarſh.*

The teſtimonie of Doctors, and Bachelors of Diuinitie in the Vniverſitie.

FOraſmuch as wee are intreated by certaine miniſters of the countie of Lincolne to ſignifie what opinio we held of William Storre Mr of Arts, & late fellowe of Corpus Chriſti Colledge, we whoſe names are vnder-written doe by theſe preſents giue him this teſtimonie; that for the time of his aboade in our Vniverſitie he ſhewed himſelfe very ſober, and honeſt in his converſation: he was of quiet cariage in his place, ſtudiouſe, learned, and religiouſe: of great, & ſpeciall hope to prove a worthy member in the Church of Chriſt. Oxon. Iune. 29. 1603.

Iohn Howſon Vicecan. Oxon.

Edmond Lillie.	*Iohn Raineldes.*	*Thomas Holland.*
Richard Kylby.	*Iohn Perin.*	*George Abbott.*
Raph Kettell.	*Iohn Williams.*	*Henry Airay.*
Iohn Æglionbee.	*Leon. Hutton.*	*William Thorne.*
Nicholas Higget.		
Thomas Luddington	*Rich. Crakanthorpe.*	*Edward Hyrſt.*
Chri. Atembry.	*Seleſtian Benfeld,*	*Thomas Burton.*
Chri. Chalfonnt.	*Peter Hooker.*	*Henry Hindle.*
Robert Burhill,	*Iohn Barcham.*	*Richard Alleyne.*

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